Over Ruling the Decision of U.P.S.C.

6618. DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government over-ruled Union Public Service Commission's advice several times:
- (b) if so, the Governent reject Commission's advice on the basis of rea-

sons; and

(c) its impact on the morale and the image of the services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. The number of cases in which the recommendations of the Union Public Service Commission were not accepted by the Government are negligible compared to the total number of such recommendations made by the UPSC. This is borne out by the following figures:

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Total number of recommendations	14705	14740	19024
Total number of cases in which			
recommendations of UPSC were			
not accepted.	15	10	8

- (b) The few cases in which the Government had to differ with the recommendations of the Commission were decided at appropriate levels after taking into account all relevant considerations.
- (c) Does not arise in view of the negligible number of the cases of disagreement.

[Translations]

Indian Labourers Abroad

6619. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian labourers working abroad as on December 31, 1991, and
- (b) the average amount of foreign exchange earned by the Government therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The figures regarding the amount of foreign exchange earned through Indian labourers employed abroad are not maintained.

[English]

Development of Rural Areas

- 6620. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for rapid development of rural areas;;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and